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THERMALLY AFFECTING TISSUES**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 44 and 45:

44. (New) A method of thermally affecting cranial tissue of a patient, comprising the steps of:
- positioning an implantable element in thermal communication with the cranial tissue;
 - circulating thermally transmissive fluid through the implantable element; and
 - allowing the element to thermally affect the tissue to a predetermined temperature for a predetermined time.

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